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## LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A method of billing usage over a network, said method comprising:

determining when a network interface is turned on at a client system;
determining when said network interface is turned off at the client system;
storing, at the client system, information relating to a time-based bill based on
when the network interface is turned on and when the network interface is turned off;
and

transmitting a call detail record from the client system to a billing module on a billing system based on the information relating to said time-based bill.

- 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising obtaining desired information across said network while said network interface is on.
- 3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein obtaining said information comprises encrypting said information, transmitting said encrypted information across said petwork, and decrypting said encrypted information.
- 4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein said information relates to a video file.
- 5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising launching an application based on a menu selection.

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- 6. (Original) The method of claim 5, further comprising transmitting a connect packet from a client to a router device, said connect packet being based on said selected application.
- 7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein when said network interface is on, said method further comprises allowing access to a desired content.
- 8. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising transmitting a status packet from said router device to said client.
- 9. (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising updating a status of said router device in a state table.
  - 10. (Canceled)
- 11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said call detail record comprising information relating to at least one of a time, an Internet protocol address and a status.
- 12. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising transmitting a disconnect packet from a client to a router device.
- 13. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising transmitting a status packet from said router device to said client.
- 14. (Original) The method of claim 13, further comprising updating a status of said router device in a state table.

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- 15. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising displaying call detail record information based on information relating to said time-based bill.
  - 16. (Previously Presented) A method comprising: connecting a client with a content provider of a desired content; obtaining said desired content from said content provider; disconnecting said client from said content provider; determining an amount of time said client is connected to said content provider; storing information at the client related to the determined amount of time; and providing, from the client, the stored information to a billing system.
- 17. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein determining said amount of time comprises:

determining when a network interface to said content provider is turned on; determining when said network interface to said content provider is turned off; and storing information relating to a time-based bill based on when the network interface is turned on and when the network interface is turned off.

- 18. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein obtaining said desired content comprises encrypting said desired content, transmitting said encrypted desired content from said content provider across a network and decrypting said encrypted desired content.
- 19. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein connecting said client with said content provider comprises transmitting a connect packet from said client to a router device.

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- 20. (Original) The method of claim 19, further comprising transmitting a status packet from said router device to said client.
- 21. (Original) The method of claim 20, further comprising updating a status of said router device in a state table.
- 22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the stored information comprises a call detail record.
- 23. (Original) The method of claim 22, wherein said call detail record comprising information relating to at least one of a time, an Internet protocol address and a status.
- 24. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein disconnecting said client from said content provider comprises transmitting a disconnect packet from said client to a router device.
- The method of claim 24, wherein disconnecting said client further comprises transmitting a status packet from said router device to said client.
- 26. (Original) The method of claim 25, further comprising updating a status of said router device in a state table.
- 27. (Original) The method of claim 16, further comprising displaying call detail record information.
- The method of claim 16, wherein said desired content relates to a video file.

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29-35. (Canceled)

36. (Previously Presented) A program storage device readable by machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform a method of billing usage over a network, said method comprising:

determining when a network interface is turned on at a client system;
determining when said network interface is turned off at the client system;
storing, at the client system, information relating to a time-based bill based on
when the network interface is turned on and when the network interface is turned off;
and

providing, from the client system, the stored information to a billing system.

37. (Previously Presented) A computer system comprising at least one processing unit, at least one input device, at least one output device and at least one storage device, said storage device tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the processing unit to perform a method of billing usage over a network, said method comprising:

determining when a network interface is turned on; determining when said network interface is turned off;

storing, at the computer system, information relating to a time-based bill based on when the network interface is turned on and when the network interface is turned off; and

providing the stored information to a billing system.